

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of November 14, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,9 and 22-31.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 9 and 22-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest: a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having a lens part; a flange part on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having a flange surface on at least one side of the flange part and a depressed part formed on at least a part of the flange surface; and a marking integrally molded by injection molding to a marking surface of the depressed part, the marking having a convex shape, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the flange surface (independent claim 1); a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having: a lens part having first and second convex lens surfaces, the second convex lens surface opposing the first convex lens surface; and a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part having: a first portion having a surface higher than the first convex lens surface; a second portion having a surface lower than the surface of the first portion; a marking formed on the surface of the second portion and arranged apart from the first convex lens surface, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the surface of the first portion; and a slope inclined toward the first convex lens surface and provided between the surface of the second portion and the first convex lens surface (independent claim 22); a plastic

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lens produced by injection molding of resin material, the plastic lens having: a lens part; a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part and including a flange surface; a first marking formed on the flange surface; and a second marking formed on the flange surface, wherein a relative position of the first marking and the second marking is determined according to a type of production jig used to produce the plastic lens (independent claim 27); or a plastic lens produced by injection molding of resin material having: a lens part having first and second lens surface, the second lens surface opposing the first lens surface; and a flange part formed on a periphery of the lens part, the flange part comprising: a first portion having a surface higher than the first lens surface; a second portion having a surface lower than the surface of the first portion; a marking having a convex shape, the marking formed on the surface of the second portion and arranged apart from the first lens surface, a highest point of the marking being lower than a highest point of the surface of the first portion; and a slope inclined toward the first lens surface and provided between the surface of the second portion and the first lens surface (independent claim 31).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott J. Sugarman whose telephone number is (571)272-2340.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky L. Mack can be reached on (571)272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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